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MARIA BARBERI CHANGES LAWYERS.

Countess di Brazza Succeeds
in Engaging Mr. Freder-
erick House.

Amos H. Evans, Counsel Ap-
pointed by Recorder Goff,
Declines to Retire.

Warden Sage Finally Permits the
Convicted Girl to Sign a Re-
tainer for House.

APPEAL WILL BE ARGUED APRIL 7.

Mr. Evans Prepares to Make the Argument
and Has Warm Words with Mr. House.
The Countess di Brazza Ex-
presses Some Opinions.

Maria Barberi has another chance for
life. Through the efforts of the Countess
di Brazza, Frederick House, of Friend,
House & Grossman, will argue the appeal
for a new trial April 7 at Albany.

The fight for new counsel has been an im-
portant part of the case. Recorder Goff ap-
pointed Amos H. Evans to defend the girl.
During the trial the Recorder on several
occasions cautioned the attorney against in-
troducing testimony that tended to estab-
lish premeditation. Assistant District At-
torney McIntyre, the prosecutor, interfered
in like manner. After the conviction the
Countess di Brazza and others of her
naturalized countrywomen and countrymen
determined to assist in the defense. Mr.
House was engaged.

But Mr. Evans declined to retire from the
case. Maria Barberi's parents signed a re-
tainer, but that was not enough. The
Countess di Brazza went to Sing Sing,
where the girl was confined, and asked her
if she did not wish to change her lawyer.
She said that she did. It was necessary
that she should sign a retainer, and this
Warden Sage, of the prison, would not let
her do. He had been informed, he said,
that it was illegal.

EVANS'S DISPUTE WITH HOUSE.
In the meantime Mr. Evans had the ap-
peal book, and though he allowed Mr.
House to have it, said:

"I'll argue this appeal at Albany."
"Not if I know myself," responded House.
"Well, we'll see," replied Evans.

Warden Sage finally agreed to see Dis-
trict-Attorney Fellows and take his advice.
He and Mrs. Sage did come to New York
last week, and were seen at the District-
Attorney's office. The Warden would not
sign yesterday whom he had seen in New
York, but he admitted that he had sought
advice here and had got it. He said that
Maria would send the retainer to Mr.
House in a day or two.

Mr. House also has a letter in English
from Maria, saying that she wants him to
represent her. The girl has been taught
to read and write English by Mrs. Sage.

WHAT MR. HOUSE SAYS.
"No one but myself," said Mr. House
yesterday, "shall argue that appeal at Al-
bany. I intend to argue for all it is
worth, and for all I am worth."

Sixteen hundred dollars have been raised
for the defense. Mr. House has declined to
accept a fee until Maria Barberi is free.

Countess di Brazza, in her apartment in
the Hotel Endicott, yesterday, said:

"Mr. House is Maria's counsel and will
make the argument, though Mr. Evans has
refused to give up the papers and petitions.
In the case, all of which are my personal
property and addressed to me, I can and
will compel him to give them up to me when
the time comes."

KILLED OVER A TRUNK.

The Husband Was About to Throw It into
the Street When His Wife Shot
Him in the Head.

Springfield, Ohio, March 29.—A terrible
tragedy occurred at 4 o'clock this afternoon
at the home of Arthur Wilson, on Euclid
avenue. Mrs. Maggie Wilson deliberately
murdered her husband by shooting him in
the head with a revolver.

The crime was the result of an altercation
over the removal of a trunk belonging to
Mrs. Jessie Blair. Arthur Wilson wanted to
eject the Blair woman from the house and
his wife objected. He claimed Mrs. Blair
was not a fit person to associate with her
and decided to use stringent measures. Mrs.
Blair has been an inmate of the Wilson
house over a year, very much against the
wishes of Arthur Wilson.

Wilson grabbed the trunk this afternoon
to throw it into the street, but he was told
to desist by his wife, who emphasized her
words with the presentation of a revolver.
Wilson laughed at her and opened the door,
when Mrs. Wilson said:

"Touch that trunk and I'll kill you."
"She fired, the ball entering the brain in
the back part of the head. Dr. C. W. Rus-
sell was called and Wilson was removed to
the Doctor's office, where he died an hour
afterward. Before expiring, he stated that
his wife shot him without cause."

Wilson was about thirty-five years old,
a plumber, having been employed for eight
years by F. Desormaux & Co. He was an
Odd Fellow and well liked. Mrs. Wilson
and Mrs. Blair were arrested and placed in
jail. Mrs. Wilson is charged with murder
and Mrs. Blair is held as an accomplice.
Mrs. Maggie Wilson denies that she shot
her husband without provocation. She
claims she shot him in self-defense, as he
was coming toward her with a hatchet, in-
tending on killing her for interfering in his
summary ejection of Mrs. Blair.

National Commandery Delegates.
The New York Commandery, Military Or-
der of Foreign Wars, has elected the fol-
lowing officers to represent it in the Na-
tional Commandery, which convenes shortly:
Vice-commander-general, Admiral Bancroft
Gherardi, U. S. N.; delegates, General
Francis E. Pinto, U. S. A., Colonel Robert
Olyphant, Fellows Davis, Jacob T. Van
Wyck, Robert Webb Morgan; alternates,
Captain James M. Andrews, Clarkson C.
Schuyler, M. D., Charles H. Murray, George
W. Oiler, and William Decatur Parsons.



Maria Barberi Sentenced to Die for Killing Her Deceiver.

Her friends, after much difficulty, succeeded in having Mr. Frederick House
authorized to act as her lawyer instead of Mr. Amos Evans, who, as the ap-
pointee of the court, conducted the defense. He has insisted on retaining the
position. The Countess di Brazza has been most active in behalf of the girl, and
has raised a fund of \$1,000 for expenses.

FRIGHT PROVED FATAL AT A FIRE.

Flames Spreading to a Hospital
in France Caused the Death
of Four Patients.

Loss of Four Other Lives Attended
the Burning of the Church
of St. Sauveur.

HEARTRENDING SCENE AT LILLE.

Men Engaged in Saving the Medicines
Mistook a Poison for Schnapps and
Drank of It with Fatal
Results.

Paris, March 29.—The Gothic Church of
St. Sauveur, on the Boulevard du Marechal
Valliant, at Lille, was destroyed by fire
this morning. The flames spread to the
Hospital of St. Sauveur, adjoining the
church.

There was the greatest excitement when
it was seen that the hospital would be
burned. The scenes among the patients
were terrible. Those who were conva-
lescent were hurriedly directed to leave the

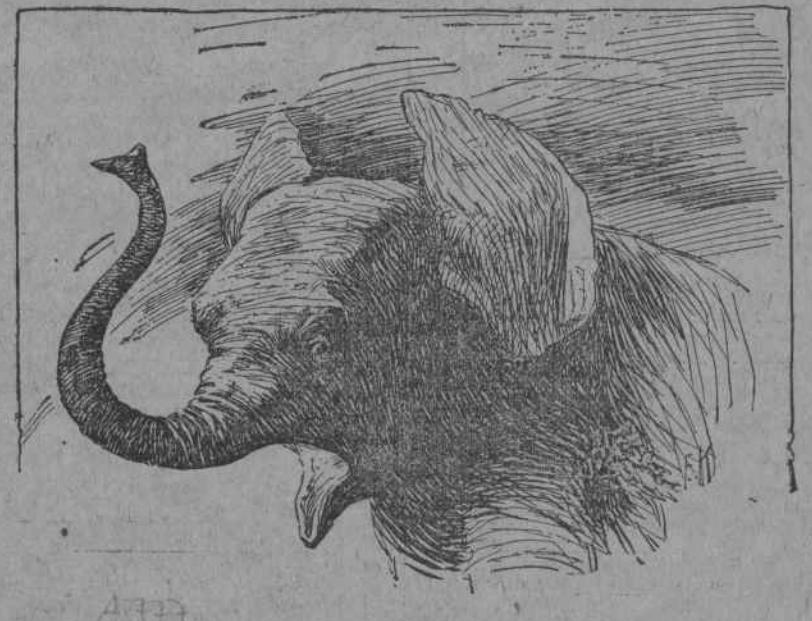
building, and the hospital attendants and
others devoted themselves to removing
those who were not able to help them-
selves. The cries of the sick were heart-
rending.

DEATH DUE TO FRIGHT.
Four of the patients, who were extreme-
ly weak, succumbed to fright and died be-
fore they could be taken out. Many of
the sick were received in the convent of
the Little Sisters of the Poor, which is
situated but a short distance from the
scene of the fire.

Ten sappers, who had been ordered to
save the medicines in the hospital, came
across what they thought was a quantity
of schnapps. They each took a drink and
were almost immediately seized with sym-
ptoms of poisoning. Physicians at once
attended them, but despite all efforts four
of the sappers died, and the others are
still suffering agonizing pains.

CAUSED BY CARELESS PLUMBERS.
It was not until 7 o'clock this evening
that the fire was gotten under control.
It was caused by the neglect of some
plumbers who had been employed in the
tower of the church, and who had either
left a burning brazier there or dropped a
piece of ignited charcoal.

The Church of St. Sauveur, which dated
from the fourteenth century, was a build-
ing of magnificent exterior, but had a
fine interior. It had double aisles, and an
elaborate high altar of white marble,
adorned with an altar-piece, statues and
alto-reliefs.



Elephant Gypsy, That Has Killed Six Keepers.

Trainers and keepers of savage animals, who are just now emerging from their
winter quarters preparatory to a summer season on the "road," gave an ominous
shake of their heads yesterday when they discussed the fate of Keeper Scott, who had
provided an elephant known as "Gypsy" with a steel hook in Chicago, and met with
sudden death as a result of his indiscretion.

All day yesterday the corridors of the Putnam House, which is on the Fourth
avenue side of Madison Square Garden, were filled with showmen, ready to "line
out" at the first crack of the ring master's whip next week. All plunged into the
interesting history of the elephant referred to in the dispatches as Gypsy, or the
man-slayer, and it was agreed among every one of them that she is the first fe-
male elephant in captivity ever known to have an innate desire to kill human be-
ings.

"I know all about Gypsy," said John B. Doris, last night. "She is of pure Asiatic
breed, and upon arrival in this country was purchased by Adam Forepaugh. We
then called her 'Babe,' and her first American tour was with the Old Dan Rice
show, then managed by Adam Forepaugh and John O'Brien. About this period
old Romeo first manifested a predilection for fighting, and 'Babe' was made his
companion. All intelligent showmen believe to this day that the vicious temper-
ament of Romeo had its effect on 'Babe' from the moment they met. It found an
early illustration when she struck 'Dot,' or Alice Gilmore, a daughter of Fannie
Gilmore, with her trunk. This was in 1885, and at the end of the season Adam
Forepaugh and John O'Brien concluded to dissolve interests and divide the animals
in stock. Both had elephants on their hands, and when Forepaugh took Romeo
O'Brien was glad to accept 'Babe.' The next year O'Brien put 'Yank' Robinson
on the road, and 'Babe' was introduced as 'Empress.' In 1889 O'Brien took charge
himself and she was again known as 'Empress,' with Harry Cooley, of Frankfort,
Pa., as keeper.

"This season 'Empress' manifested a decided antipathy to keepers. A child or a
stranger could fondle or feed her with impunity, but a keeper, never! She would
even receive tobacco from a stranger, but the instinct of showmen caused them
naturally to avoid 'Empress.' In 1870, we took the Eastern circuit, and she had as
a companion one-eyed and single-tusked 'Male John,' a most vicious brute. Their as-
sociation failed to improve the temper of either, and when John pulled down our
canvas and killed a mule or so, no one regretted his death from the effects of a load
of buckshot. When O'Brien asked me at the end of the season if I wanted 'Em-
press,' I told him no, and she was passed over to 'Nickel Plate' Harris."

According to the best authorities this is a list of the victims of "Babe," alias
"Empress," alias "Gypsy": Killed Harry Cooley, 1870; George West, 1874; Jimmy
the Bum, 1882; William Devos, 1886; Patsey Hurligan, 1894, and James Scott, 1896.

WALES'S LETTER TO THE THIRTEEN CLUB.

Members Decide to Publish the
Prince's Acceptance in
Fac Simile.

Think It Amusing That the Episode
Should Be Treated as Inter-
national Politics.

THE \$39 COLLECTION FOR CUBA.

Merely an Expression of Sympathy for
Humanity for Which Honorary Mem-
bers Are in No Respect Respon-
sible, Mr. Rawson Says.

Members of the Thirteen Club appear
to be amused by the question raised by
the St. James Gazette as to the election
of the Prince of Wales to honorary mem-
bership and his acceptance thereof. At a
meeting of the Board of Managers on Fri-
day night the matter was considered of
sufficient importance to influence a decision
to have the Prince's letter published in
fac simile so as to set at rest all doubts
as to his ever having accepted.
To Mr. A. L. Rawson, upon whom had
devolved the pleasant task of notifying

table companionship. In the pursuance of
the main object, careful statistics are kept
by Captain Fowler, showing the number
and names of those attending the dinners,
and when they die, how regularly and re-
cently they have attended. He says that he
is almost afraid to publish the records for
the year past, as it shows such a small
mortality, only eight deaths out of more
than nine hundred members.

Captain Fowler says he proposes to keep
secret the place for holding the next dinner
on April 13, as he has a little surprise in
store for the members.

The club feels honored in having the heir
to England's throne on its honorary list,
and it is proposed to make an effort to in-
duce President Cleveland to join.

COAL WAGON FOR HEARSE.

An Intoxicated Father Drove Through the
Street with a Live and a
Dead Child.

Norwalk, Conn., March 29.—Rolling in a
drunken stupor on the seat of a coal wagon,
a dead child under the seat behind his feet,
a frightened daughter on the board beside
him, Edward J. Eason drove along West
avenue at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Earlier in the day an infant of the Easons
died, and Mrs. Eason summoned the father,
and the infant was wrapped up and placed
in a pine box. Then Eason went to C. T.
Leonard's coal office and borrowed a coal
wagon for a funeral coach. The board box
was wrapped in a blanket and rolled under
the seat. Eason's little daughter wanted a
ride, so she was lifted to the seat beside
her father, and the funeral cortege passed
up the street. Eason had been drinking

SAVED BY HIS CHILD.

An Unfortunate Father Was Attempting
Suicide When His Little Daugh-
ter Summoned Help.

Hazleton, Pa., March 29.—Grove A.
Sprague was prevented from committing
suicide to-day by his six-year-old daughter
Mabel.

Sprague has been the victim of a series
of misfortunes. His latest affliction, blind-
ness, is responsible for the attempt at self-
destruction. This was made in their home
on South Pine street, when hundreds of
people were going to vespers and service
preparatory to Easter.

Sprague is an engineer and well known
in this vicinity. Nineteen years ago he
was prostrated by sciatic rheumatism, and
this became so severe that he was obliged
to leave the locomotive and accept a posi-
tion as stationary engineer at Coleraine.
Eight years ago his hip was dislocated in
some mysterious manner while in bed, and
has never been adjusted properly. He was
still able to pursue his duties as stationary
engineer until one day last June, when he
found his engine groaning, and he stooped
to examine the cause. A sudden twitch in
his eye was felt and he could not see. Re-
lieving that this affliction was only tem-
porary he neglected to consult a physician
until he found that his vision was not re-
turning after several days. It was then
discovered that the optic nerve of the
right eye had burst and was affecting the
other. What money he accumulated has
since been spent with doctors, and without
benefit to his eyes. This caused Sprague
to become melancholy, and to end his mis-
ery he decided to commit suicide.

While his family were out he secured two
towels, of which he made a noose on one
end and tied the other to the bedpost.
Inserting his head he threw his weight on
the loop and was strangling to death when
his little daughter Mabel came upstairs.
The child ran back to the street, screaming
wildly for help, and several men arrived
in time to save his life. He was uncon-
scious when cut down, but revived later.
It was then learned that his wife was also
ill from overwork, trying to support the
family and attend the patient, and they
were in destitute circumstances. Sprague
stated that he realized he was but a bur-
den to himself and family, and that if he
was out of the way his wife would be bet-
ter able to care for their children.

PUT THE LAWYER OUT.

Mr. Harris Made So Many Interruptions
That Magistrate Baim Had
Him Removed.

A dapper young lawyer, Joseph Harris
by name, ran counter yesterday to what
Magistrate Baim, in Essex Market Court,
considered courteous deportment. Mr. Har-
ris appeared for Max P. Thomassky, of
No. 124 Forsyth street, who was charged
with assaulting Alois Weiss, the proprietor
of a studio at No. 65 East Fourth street,
where crayons are enlarged on the instal-
ment payment plan. During the conduct
of the case the counsel for Weiss was con-
stantly interrupted by Harris, and he ap-
pealed to the Court. After trying to se-
cure silence by pounding with his gavel,
Magistrate Baim shouted:

"Stop, sir! I am running this court, and
I won't have you interrupt these proceed-
ings!"

Instantly Lawyer Harris yelled back:
"I'm a member of the Supreme Court Bar,
and know my business. I'm here to de-
fend my client, and I won't be deprived of
my rights!"

The rattling with the gavel was resumed
for a moment, and then the Magistrate
came back with:

"You don't know your business. That's
the whole trouble."
Harris continued to talk loudly, and finally
Magistrate Baim said to Court Officer
Donnelly:

CORONER HOEBER YIELDS.

Dr. Samuel Cantor Objects to an Autopsy
Upon the Body of His Mother
and Gains His Point.

Whether the Coroner has the authority
to order an autopsy to be performed in
a case where it was evident that death had
resulted from natural causes was ques-
tioned on Saturday by Dr. Samuel Cantor,
of No. 81 Henry street, when Coroner
Hoebner ordered an autopsy to be per-
formed on the body of Mrs. Rachael Can-
tor, the mother of Dr. Cantor.

Mrs. Cantor was about fifty-five years of
age, and for the past nine months had
been an inmate of the hospital on Black-
well's Island, suffering from tumor of the
brain. She died on Friday, and as the hos-
pital physicians were not certain that
death was due to cerebral troubles, they
refused to issue a certificate of death, and
Coroner Hoebner was notified.

The Coroner, without first consulting the
relatives of the deceased, ordered his phy-
sician, Dr. Schultz, to perform an au-
topsy.

Dr. Cantor knew nothing of the order for
the autopsy until he went to the hospital
on Saturday. He went at once and told
Coroner Hoebner that he had exceeded his
authority in ordering the autopsy, as there
was nothing suspicious connected with the
death of his mother, and death was un-
doubtedly due to natural causes. He de-
clared that if the autopsy was performed
without his consent he would begin pro-
ceedings against him.

Coroner Hoebner reconsidered his action,
and the death certificate was issued.

African Missions Flourishing.

Mrs. Laura H. Bates, missionary of the
American Board of Foreign Missions, at
Mount Silline, East Africa, has made an
interesting report of the work of that or-
ganization on the Dark Continent. The
American Board has three centres of in-
fluence—the Zulu mission, at Natal; the
West Coast Mission, at East Cape; and
the Zulu Mission, at Natal. The Zulu Mis-
sion has twenty-five, 1,500 communicants, fifty-
five schools, with 2,000 pupils, and 250
native agents. The other two are flourish-
ing.

ASSASSIN NEARLY KILLS A HOUSEHOLD.

Slays Husband and Wife and
Fatally Wounds a
Hired Man.

Then Attacks Two Daughters
and Flees Only When He
Learns Help Is Coming.

With a Hatchet and Knife the Un-
known Horribly Mutilates the
Remains of the Old Folks.

MOTIVE FOR CRIME NOT KNOWN.

Presence of Mind of the Only Inmate Not
Harmed Prevented the Intruder
from Further Sanguinary
Work.

Cleveland, March 29.—A crime of almost
unparalleled atrocity was perpetrated near
Tallmadge, a village five miles north of
Akron, at an early hour this morning.
Alvin Stone, aged sixty-nine, and his wife,
aged sixty-two, while asleep at their home,
were brutally murdered by a fiend, who
literally beat their heads to pieces, after
which numerous knife thrusts were made
into the bodies of the dead. Two daughters,
Hattie, aged twenty-nine, and Emma, aged
twenty-seven, and the family man-servant,
A. F. Stillson, were also attacked. Stillson
was fatally injured and the girls are in a
critical condition.

They had been beaten about the head
with a blunt instrument, which must have
been of great size and weight.

Alvin Stone was among the most wealthy
and prominent of Summit County farmers,
and his wife was also a member of a
wealthy and prominent family in that sec-
tion. The object of the murderous assault
on the family was not robbery, as numerous
articles of value, including two gold watches
belonging to the aged couple, which were
on the bedroom dresser, were not taken.

The crime is shrouded in mystery and the
whole country is agitated. The only sus-
picion as yet rests on one John Smith, who
was employed at Edward Parier's blacksmith
shop, an eighth of a mile from the "one
homestead. Smith was discharged by
Stone two weeks ago. The former was a
chore man about the place. The two men
had been very angry words and Smith de-
parted in great anger. He is now under police
surveillance.

ONLY ONE ESCAPED.

One member of the family alone escaped
injury—Flora, the youngest daughter, aged
sixteen. She is laboring under intense ner-
vous excitement, but was able, between
tears and hysterical sobs, to tell what she
knew of the affair. The old folks, she said,
occupied a chamber on the lower floor.
Hattie and Flora slept upstairs. Emma
crossed the hall and the hired man at the
rear end of the hallway, on the same floor.

About 1 o'clock this morning, Flora says,
she heard an agonizing scream from Emma.
She jumped from bed, and opening the
door, started to cross the hall. Hattie
followed her. Flora, turning before she
entered Emma's room, the door of which
was open, saw a masked man strike Hattie
over the head with what looked like a
crowbar. Hattie with a scream fell sense-
less to the floor, while Flora in terror ran
back to her room and hid under the bed-
clothes.

Hattie, who is a woman of remarkable
vitality, despite her frightful injury, arose
and, going into Flora's room, asked her to
throw something over her head. Flora was
too frightened to move. Hattie left her
room, and entering that of her sister, no-
ticed that the window was open and that
a ladder reached up to it from the ground.
She wrapped a quilt around her, and went
down the ladder, running to Charles Sack-
ett's farm, a quarter of a mile away, where
she told her story and then fainted. Two
of the Sacketts hurried to the Stone house,
while another summoned a physician.

AN AWFUL SIGHT.

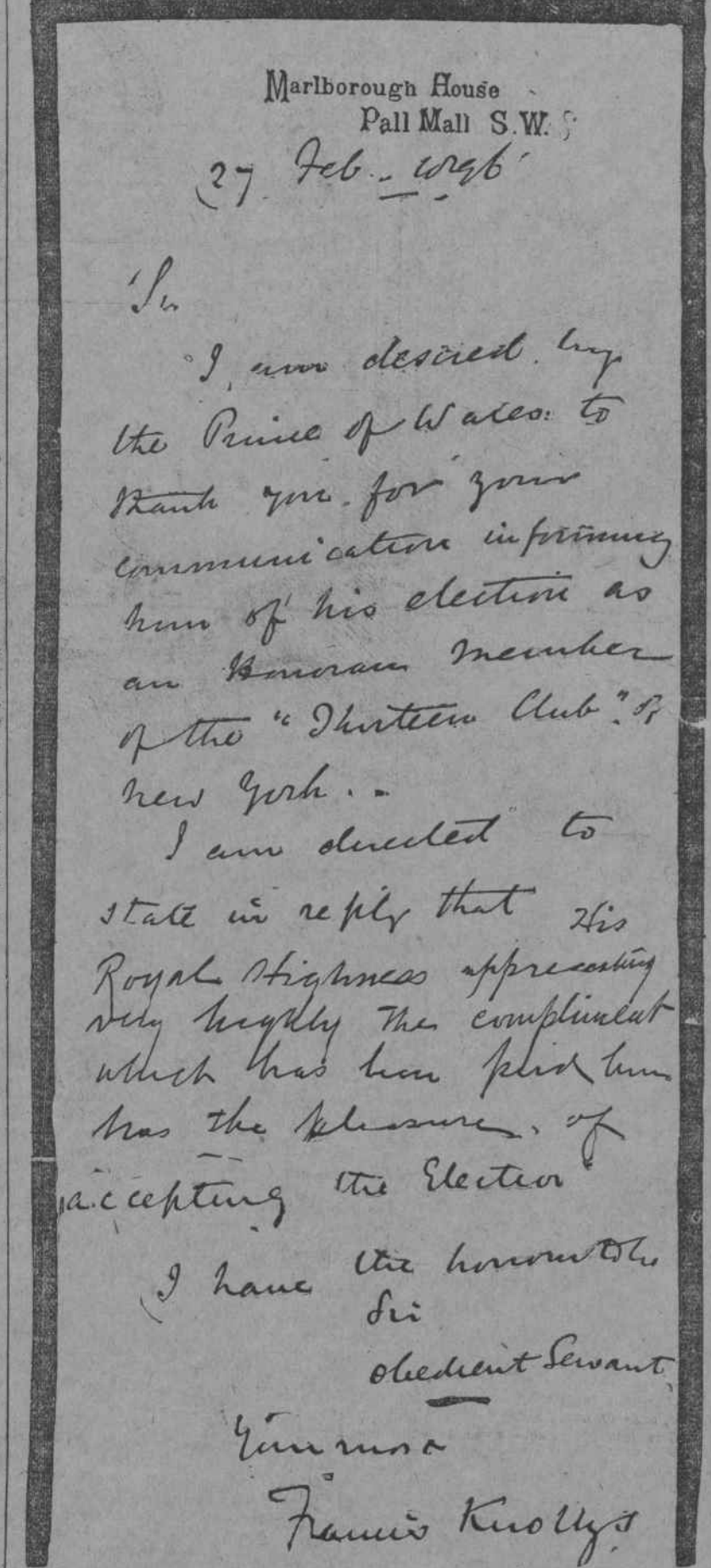
When they arrived the house was pitch
dark. The side door was open. Entering
the room occupied by the old folks, they
were confronted by the two horribly mutilated
bodies of the father and mother.
Emma was found unconscious on the floor
of her bedroom. She had been struck a
fearful blow over the forehead, and still
lies as one dead. The hired man was found
in his room in the same condition. He had
also been struck over the forehead. Flora
was found under the bedclothes in speech-
less fright.

In a few minutes the whole neighbor-
hood for miles around was aroused and hun-
dreds assembled about the Stone homestead. The
scene was terribly impressive. The rage of
those who for so many years had lived
with and loved the amiable, honest Stone
family, knew no bounds. The Akron Police
Department was notified, and detectives
and First Deputy Herd hurried to the scene.

When they arrived at 9 o'clock they
found what appeared to be tracks of a
man leaving the side door, which was
found open, and ending at the road. The
rain, which had steadily poured all night,
had, however, obliterated the tracks along the
road.

BLOODHOUNDS WERE USED.

Bloodhounds were put into service, but
they could do nothing, owing to the rain.
The impression seems to be that Smith is
not the right man, and committees are
organizing to scour the country in every di-
rection. From all the indications of those
who are starting to hunt down the murder-
er it is idle to attempt a forecast of
what will happen if he is caught.
There is but one fate in store for him if
he falls into the hands of the citizens
who are looking for him, aided by the
bloodhounds. This evening a strong clew
leads toward Ravenna, where a strange
horse and buggy were left by an unknown
man, who acted suspiciously.



Fac-Simile of the Prince of Wales's Acceptance to the Thirteen Club.

It was written by the Prince's secretary, Sir Francis Knollys, to Mr. A. L. Raw-
son, the member of the club who had been deputed to send the invitation. The rea-
son for its publication at this time is that some doubt has been expressed by the St.
James's Gazette that such a letter was ever sent.

The Prince of his election, the acceptance
was naturally directed. Mr. Rawson said
that it was nonsense to suppose that the
club's action meant more than an ex-
pression of sympathy for suffering human-
ity or to imagine that an honorary mem-
ber was in any degree responsible for the
action of the active members of the club.

"Were it otherwise," he said, "the
Prince would have his hands full, as he
is honorary member of many organizations
not at all English in their views, besides
being honorary colonel of regiments of
soldiers against which the British troops
may have to fight some day."

Captain William Fowler, who was the or-
ganizer of the club, thinks it a good joke
to construe a revolution of sympathy for
Cuba and a collection of \$39 for the widows
and orphans of patriots as an interna-
tional question. The club has pri-
marily but one object, namely, to
eradicate a silly superstition and to
combine with this task, the pleasure of

and took a pull or two from a black bottle
in the wagon. In front of St. Mary's
Church he tried to turn around and lost
control of the horses, which started down
West avenue at a rapid rate. Eason was
helpless. Charles F. Tristram saw the
trouble, and called to Chief of Police Brad-
ley, who stopped the horses and told Eason
to get down. The child was badly fright-
ened and Eason was too drunk to obey.
The Chief climbed in and drove the team
to the lock-up.

At the Eason home Mrs. Eason was told
of her husband's arrest, and with a wild
shriek, went into hysterics. Chief Bradley
had discovered the contents of the box by
the time the lock-up was reached, and then
journeyed to Eason's home with the dead
child under one arm and the live one under
the other. When he reached the house Mrs.
Eason's hysterics became convulsions. With
great difficulty she was quieted and told her
husband would be released as soon as
sober. Bradley left the board box at the
house and went away, and the burial took
place later. Eason did not attend.